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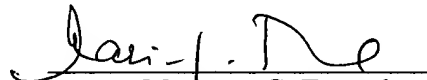
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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Second Office Action mailed January 17, 2001 in the subject application.

REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner has requested a supplemental election to the applicants' species election of November 6, 2000. The Examiner alleges that claims 1, 21, 22, and 25-27 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising gastrin-releasing protein (GRP), neuromedin B (NMB), neuromedin C (NMC), ranatensin, litorin, and